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# **ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY** | April 19, 2007

### Nerve agent VX projectiles



Anniston Chemical Activity and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility workers are preparing for the VX-filled 155mm projectile demilitarization campaign. VX disposal operations are expected to resume this Summer. VX-filled 155mm projectiles are similar to the GB-filled 155mm projectiles that were safely demilitarized at the ANCDF two years ago.

## **Key Messages**

- The Anniston chemical munition stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Phillip M. Trued, Jr.
- Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- Since 1990, more than 12,340 tons of chemicals and more than 1,822,300 munitions have been safely incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- The U.S. Army **IS** committed to the safety of the community and the environment.



#### Maintenance employees plan work

Projectile operations to follow change over tasks

Planned maintenance work and a long list of change over tasks dominate work at the ANCDF since the last VX-filled M55 rocket was demilitarized on March 8, 2007. Projectile disposal operations are expected to begin this Summer. (Sholin)

#### **Anniston Milestones**

- July 23, 2006 ~ March 8, 2007: VXfilled M55 rocket disposal operations safely demilitarize all 35.662 rockets and warheads. Additionally, more than 41,056 gallons of VX have been processed.
- **August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006:** Safe disposal operations demilitarize all 142,428 GB munitions and 874,436 pounds (96,246 gallons) of GB nerve agent.
- 1997 ~ 2001: The Pentagon spends more than \$340 million to build the ANCDF
- **1997:** Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty) ratified.
- 1996: The Pentagon hires Westinghouse Anniston to build, test, operate, and close the ANCDF.
- **1961:** Anniston Army Depot begins chemical munitions storage mission.



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